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Six Injured As Cars Crowd Onto Highways

Warm weather which brought thousands of motorists out on to the highways played havoc with traffic safety records over the week-end as police officers investigated nearly a dozen traffic accidents.

Six persons were injured, four in a head-on Pacific Coast Highway crash, and two others when their auto slammed into a tree on 190th St.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering major hurts were Alvin E. Feldman, 56, and Robert E. Good, 7½, both of Hermosa Beach. Robert was riding in the Feldman auto when it cracked into a tree on 190th near Beryl Sts., Sunday afternoon.

In the head-on crash, one-quarter mile east of Roberts Rd. on the Highway early Sunday, four persons were injured, two seriously. Thomas Guisti, 41, of Arizona and Les Alulifson, 31, Santa Monica, both passengers in a car driven by William L. Hinde, 36, of Venice, were taken to Harbor Hospital, suffering cuts and bruises.

Hinde, and driver of the second auto, Marvin E. Wardell, 18, of Santa Monica, also received minor injuries. Officers Tom Pattishall and D. H. Cook cited Hinde for failing to have a driver's license in his possession.

Traffic investigators also checked a number of other accidents, mostly "fender-bending" affairs.

Sales Tax Gains Show Trade Boom

Indication that retail trade business in Torrance is booming, was given yesterday when City Clerk A. H. Bartlett revealed that a volume of \$14,000,000 is indicated in municipal sales tax figures.

Total tax collected during the fiscal year ending June 30 was \$96,200.54, or some \$10,000 more than the \$86,065.93 recorded for the 1950-51 period.

The figures exceeded by more than a thousand dollars that estimated by George Stevens, city manager, in the 1952-53 fiscal year budget.

The city tax is .05 per cent.

Latest Tumbler Causes Little Commotion Here

Torrance-Lomita residents are either:

1. Indifferent,
2. Used to it, or
3. Sound sleepers.

Because Tuesday morning's 12:05 tremor failed to stir much commotion in these parts. The usual flood of calls handled by police and fire switchboards was absent.

Although the shake provided plenty of coffee-cup conversation, no one seemed to have been much concerned—like they were a couple of weeks back.

Motorist's Hand Cut In Highway Mishap

A motorist received a severe gash on his hand when his auto collided with another at Hawthorne Ave. and Del Amo Blvd. Monday afternoon, according to Torrance police, treated at Harbor General Hospital was Earl B. Robinson, 61, of Rolling Hills. The other motorist was Bobbie Butcher, 23, of 1309 W. 186th St.

Will Bring 300 New Homes Within City

There being no protests, the City Council moved Tuesday night to annex 26 acres of the Los Angeles Shoestring Strip to the City of Torrance.

The area involved is a narrow strip of land lying between the boundary of Torrance and Western Avenue between 237th and 239th Sts.—south of Kettler Knolls.

Purpose of the annexation is to bring a proposed subdivision on the acreage under the jurisdiction of one city.

John Kettler, head of the Kettler-Woolsey construction company, said the City of Los Angeles had agreed to cede the territory.

Kettler intends to start construction this year of 300 three-bedroom homes on the property, which is owned solely by the E. Kettler estates. Unless the narrow strip is annexed to Torrance, considerable confusion would result in the tract. Two fire departments and two police departments would serve the tract. Both cities would have to provide garbage collection service to the area; Public utility service to the area would be duplicated.

The tax problem would also cause confusion in future years, it was claimed.

If annexed to Torrance, the future residents will receive services from the one municipality throughout the entire tract.

Steelworkers Now All Back At Columbia

Full scale operations were underway today at Columbia Steel Co. with the return to the mill of the last of 1200 steelworkers who were ordered back to work last Saturday.

Steeplejacks making a routine check of the four 125-foot smoke stacks found no evidence of any damage due to the recent earthquake and company officials immediately ordered the firing of the four open hearth furnaces.

The steelmakers tapped out a pour yesterday marking the first batch of steel to be made here since the steelworkers were called out on strike two months ago.

Two steeplejacks, A. B. Patterson and L. S. Stewart were flown here from Pittsburgh, Pa. to shimmy up the tall stacks looking for damage as the result of normal wear and tear as well as for any damage which might have been caused by the Tehachapi quake. Neither the stacks nor the lining of the furnaces were found to be damaged. Number 1 and 2 furnaces were heated early Sunday morning.



Las Vegas Bound

A pretty pair are Miss Shirley Jeanne White, at left and Mrs. Francis Seno as they bid a fond farewell to the land-lubbers Monday and board a Western Airlines luxury ship for Las Vegas and a two-day all-expense vacation.

Shirley won the nod of the judges to win the "Miss Torrance" title several weeks ago and also won the flight to Nevada's vacation land. Mrs. Seno a close friend of Shirley's, tagged along for the free fun as chaperone. They were slated to arrive back at Los Angeles International Airport late last night. While in Las Vegas, they stayed at the Last Frontier Hotel.

Youth Band Asks City Council For Land Grant

The Torrance Area Youth Band appealed to the City Council this week to obtain a grant of city-owned property on which to construct a music building.

In a letter addressed to the city fathers, W. E. Bowen, president of the Youth Bands, Inc., stated that the Board of Directors of the band organization voted July 21 to take the initial steps toward acquisition of property and the construction of a rehearsal hall and storage building.

It was pointed out that the band has been housed in the Civic Auditorium for the past few years and that without this convenience the band would have "fallen by the wayside long ago." However, since the auditorium is a public building in use by many other groups the band cannot use it as often as it would like and as a result the instructional program of the musical organization is greatly retarded, Bowen pointed out in his letter.

He said the band needed a rehearsal hall which could be used every day and night of the week. Office space and storage rooms for instruments and an inventory of uniforms worth more than \$13,000 was urgently needed by the band.

"We regularly maintain an enrollment of around 25 young people of this community, all of whom receive weekly musical training and recreation through our program. During the course of the year we present many free concerts and parades for the people of this community as well as acting in numerous activities of Torrance in numerous out-of-town engagements," Bowen stated.

"Aside from carrying on an active year-round program of musical training and public performances we are constantly engaged in extra curricular activities such as our own sponsored parades, queen contests, carnivals, baton twirling, contests, Christmas candy selling drives, etc., for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of musical equipment and uniforms," he said.

Supervisor Darby's motion, approved by the supervisors, revealed that the sum of \$58,900 was already in the budget for such construction, \$11,350 of which was slated for landscaping, sprinkler system, county engineer's plans, services and inspection. The additions had been approved for some time, Darby said, but had not been included in the existing structure last year because of lack of funds.

Dragged from the sea were Alex Monroe, 14; Toline Rote, 16 and Donna Dana, 13. None was injured.

Top \$5 Million Two School Boards Tell '52-'53 Budgets

It will cost nearly \$5 million next year to educate Torrance school children from kindergarten through junior college, according to proposed budgets of the Torrance Unified School District and El Camino Junior College District.

On Aug. 5 the governing boards of both institutions will hold public hearings on the 1952-53 proposed budgets.

The proposed Torrance Unified School District budget is slightly in excess of \$2½ million or \$2,505,249.

As is the case each year, salaries and wages take the lion's share of the budget. This year \$1,844,878 will be spent under expense of education which includes salaries, wages, auxiliary services, operation of school plant, transportation and certain fixed charges.

On page 19 of this issue will be found the complete official budget as proposed by the Torrance Board of Education at a meeting held July 15.

Trustees of El Camino College will hold a hearing on the proposed budget for nearly \$2½ million at 7:30 p.m. in the college.

Actual amount of the budget is \$2,490,356, which is an increase of \$215,500 over the 1951-52 budget.

Salaries and wages take the biggest bite of the college dollar. Budgeted for salaries of teachers and administration is \$686,182.

Total expense of education amounts to \$1,026,812.

To be found elsewhere in this issue (page 19) is a complete copy of the proposed college budget.

To be distributed this week and next are 20,000 copies of the free Torrance Business Directory which will be given to each householder in Torrance and surrounding trade areas.

The 56-page booklet was published by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and lists alphabetically by business and service the various firms located in this area.

House-to-house distribution of the booklets will begin Saturday.

Listed also is much information valuable to homeowners, especially newcomers. A map and index to streets is located in the center fold and adjacent pages. There is a list of local schools, a listing of 21 churches, and a name and president listed for 82 organizations.

Included also is statistical information about the city. Given are the collection times for garbage, cans, and non-combustible rubbish.

The booklet is to be given away to householders in Torrance, Lomita, and the Shoestring Strip.

Korean Soldier Reported Killed

Bill G. Davis, 24, son of W. H. Davis, of 20523½ S. Vermont Ave., yesterday was reported killed in Korea, according to word received in the United States. He was slated to return from overseas duty within two weeks.

Serving with the 179th Regiment, 45th Division, Davis was reported killed last June 29.

He leaves a son, Ricky, who lives with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kohler, of 24401 Park St., and a mother, Letha Allhouse of Tulsa, Okla.

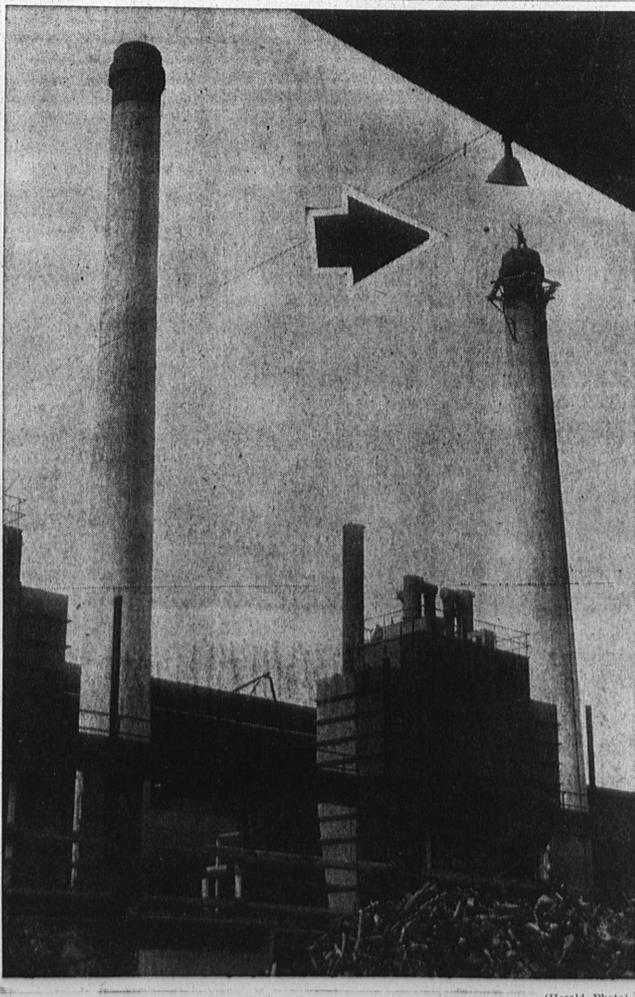
The report, which could not immediately be confirmed by Army officials, said that Davis had served in Korea for 15 months.

Summer Sessions End Tomorrow In Local Schools

Friday, Aug. 1, will mark another "school's out" for over 1000 Torrance boys and girls who were enrolled for elementary school classes at the various schools throughout the Torrance Unified School District. Thirty classes were maintained for a period of six weeks with an average daily attendance of approximately 900 pupils.

Many expressions of satisfaction have been received of the program that was carried out. Children attending summer classes have had many experiences under the guidance of a trained teacher to further their total growth and development, according to Walter Behwold, director of instruction.

The attendance has been large enough that the state aid will be sufficient to carry the entire financial obligation, he said.



NO DAMAGE . . . Steeplejack A. B. Patterson after shinning up one of the four 125-foot stacks at Columbia Steel Co. hunting for possible earthquake damage, signals that all is in order and that the furnace can be fired—after he inspects the inside.

OH, YEAH!

Then there's the supposed-to-be true story of the salesman who handled check-writing machines. Seems our hero really turned on the old charm to convince a customer that the gadget was guaranteed protection against bad checks. Well, the man finally bought the machine and sent the salesman a check to pay for it. A check which promptly bounced, as high as a kite, a sales story with an unhappy ending. You'll be pleased, however, with the sales results you can obtain with an inexpensive Big "9" Classified Ad. Whether you want to rent, buy, sell, or trade, you'll find a ready market at your fingertips. Put your action ad to work. Just phone Torrance 444.

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